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Measures to Weed

Out Chinatown

A meeting of the Board of Health with President Dole and members of the Cabinet, as well as several prominent citizens, was held last evening. George W. Smith acted as chairman in place of President Cooper who was too tired out to be in attendance.

Chairman Smith announced that the meeting was for the purpose of consulting with the Cabinet on the Chinatown question. In the matter of the destruction of buildings in Chinatown, the Board of Health wished the support of the government and of the people.

President Dole asked as to the number of people in Chinatown and Chairman Smith answered that there were in the neighborhood of 20,000 Chinese and Japanese.

Dr. Wood made the following statement: "Where cases have broken out, I certainly know the habitations are infected. If any one will take the trouble to go through there and see the narrow passageways with house floors directly on the ground, one can readily see how infection passes. When we have burned down buildings, where cases of plague have occurred, still we may not have reached the limit of the infection in that manner. We find that the infection was carried across Nuuanu street from Ah's to the place where two cases occurred and which caused the burning of two places yesterday. The physicians are convinced it was carried across the street by rats."

When the Kakaako quarantine matter was brought up Minister Young stated it as his belief that it was unsafe from a sanitary standpoint for so many people to be housed at one place. It was finally agreed that land at Kaili or behind the leper receiving station were more fit for quarantine barracks. The medical members of the Board maintained that, as a whole of the Chinatown district was infected, the people should be removed to an absolutely clean place and then the place should be burned as quickly as possible.

L. A. Thurston offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "It is the sense of this meeting that it is sound policy to remove to quarantine as rapidly as practicable, the residents of the Chinatown district and to take any and every step, without limit, necessary to stamp out the plague, including the destruction of buildings and other property."

Dr. Day then offered the following resolution, which took the same course: "I move that the Chairman appoint a committee of citizens to select and acquire a suitable locality for a detention camp for persons now resident in Chinatown or other quarantined districts, and to erect buildings for the accommodation of such persons as they shall be advised as to number by the Board of Health. I move that the chairman appoint a committee and let this be the means that we now take for combating the plague."

Chairman Smith appointed the following committee to look up a site for a quarantine barracks: Minister Alex. Young, L. A. Thurston, C. Holte, J. A. Kennedy, C. B. Ripley, Dr. Herbert.

Holland Sympathy For Boers.

The feeling of sympathy for the Boers in Holland is astonishing all Europe by the rapidity with which it is spreading to the very lowliest inhabitant. A few days ago a little boy only 14 entered the office of a Haarlem paper and, emptying his pockets, which contained all his savings, said: "This is for the Transvaal," leaving the office without giving his name. A bourgeois of Amsterdam went into the office of an Amsterdam paper and deposited 1,000 florins. "I am not rich," he said, "but my wife and children want me to give this aid of the Boers." An officer at Breda called his company together and asked them if they wished to subscribe. Without a dissenting voice all subscribed sums according to their rank. The servants of The Hague have formed a league for the purpose of making a fund, to which they subscribe weekly. Through the newspapers, by committees, from door to door, in the churches, in the schools—everywhere where the public gathers, collections are being made and millions of florins are being found for the Boers. A rich citizen of The Hague proposes to found an orphan asylum for the children of the Boers who fall in the war. In Belgium the sympathy is nearly as keen and persons with whom I am personally acquainted are subscribing \$300, \$400 and \$500 at a time. Ambulance corps are being formed and drilled and doctors are leaving their practice to go out and help the Boers. The unanimity of feeling is really extraordinary, and the English of Antwerp, as well as of Brussels, are obliged to keep very quiet. My own house was stoned recently by roughs because I was known to be a correspondent of the American and English press.

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